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thority was abused, when, as in the principal case, all authority was expressly negatived, the maker can only be held liable if he is precluded by his conduct from denying the validity of the instrument. It is submitted that the bare entrusting of incomplete instruments to a custodian is not such conduct as to subject the maker to liability. Smith v. Prosser, [1907] 2 K. B. 735; but see Putnam v. Sullivan, 4 Mass. 45. For with an incomplete instrument there is no duty of care to prevent its getting into circulation. Baxendale v. Bennett, supra. Even negligence in signing and delivering a blank form not intended as a negotiable instrument will not support recovery. First Nat. Bank v. Zeims, 93 Ia. 140, 61 N. W. 483. Cf. Costelo v. Barnard, 190 Mass. 260, 76 N. E. 599. There is an exception, however, in the duty owed to the drawee bank not to sign checks in blank. Trust Co. of American v. Conklin, 65 Misc. 1, 119 N. Y. Supp. 367.

BILLS AND NOTES — INDORSEMENT — FORGED INDORSEMENT: WHETHER DRAWEE MAY RECOVER PAYMENT NEGLIGENTLY MADE TO HOLDER. — A drawee bank, negligently disregarding notice by the drawer to stop payment, paid a check, on which payee's indorsement was forged, to a bonâ fide holder for value. On discovering the forgery the drawee bank seeks to recover from the holder. Held, that the bank cannot recover. National Bank of Commerce

v. First National Bank of Coweta, 152 Pac. 596 (Okl.).

Where an indorsement is forged, as the holder never receives title to the check, the true owner may recover from the holder any payment the latter has received. Dana v. Underwood, 19 Pick. (Mass.) 99; Arnold v. Cheque Bank, I C. P. Div. 578. If the owner brings no action the drawee is allowed to recover back from the holder. Canal Bank v. Bank of Albany, I Hill (N. Y.) 287; Onondaga County Savings Bank v. United States, 64 Fed. 703. See Robarts v. Tucker, 16 Q. B. 560, 578. It is submitted that the correct theory on which such recovery may be permitted is that the drawee sues on the payee's right of action and holds the sum recovered in trust for him. See Ames, "Doctrine of *Price* v. *Neal*," 4 HARV. L. REV. 297, 307. But the drawee has been held to lose his right if after discovery of the forgery he delays giving notice to the holder. National Exchange Bank of Providence v. United States, 151 Fed. 402; United States v. Clinton National Bank, 28 Fed. 357. See 2 DANIEL, NEGOTI-ABLE INSTRUMENTS, 5 ed., § 1371. In England recovery is barred even though notice is given immediately on discovering the forgery. London & River Plate Bank v. Bank of Liverpool, [1896] 1 Q. B. 7. But considerable authority holds that the drawee should recover unless the holder has been prejudiced by the Yatesville Banking Co. v. Fourth National Bank, 10 Ga. App. 1, 72 delay. S. E. 528; Canal Bank v. Bank of Albany, supra. Though on the grounds of business practice a delay in giving notice of a known forgery might in itself defeat recovery, it would be unfortunate to go further and let a negligent failure to discover the forgery bar relief when the holder has been in nowise damaged. In the principal case it is difficult to see how the holder would have benefited had the drawee regarded the drawer's notice.

BILLS AND NOTES — PRESENTMENT AND NOTICE OF DISHONOR — WAIVER: ASSENT BY INDORSER TO EXTENSION OF TIME. — The plaintiff brings an action against the defendant as indorser of a note on the face of which the latter had written an agreement to remain bound "notwithstanding any extension of time granted the principal, hereby waiving all notice of such extension of time." Three extensions were given to the maker, no notice of which was given to the defendant, nor was any notice of dishonor by non-payment given him when the last extension period had expired. Held, that the indorser's assent to extension constituted a waiver of demand and notice. First National Bank of Henderson v. Johnson, 86 S. E. 360 (Sup. Ct., N. C.).